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FOR NBS - ATTN JAMES L. HAECKER

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: NBS/SFCP JOINT STUDY GROUP ON BUILDING MATERIALS AND
TECHNOLOGY-EGYPTIAN TEAM RETURN VISIT

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, EMBASSY WAS CONTACTED MAY 12, BY ISMAIL
OSMAN, MINISTRY OF HOUSING, TO ASK IF WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE
TO PAYING PER DIEM COSTS OF BUILDING MATERIALS GROUP WHILE IN
US. ACCORDING TO OSMAN, HAECKER HAS TOLD GROUP THAT
\$9,500 AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION. OSMAN SAYS THERE WILL

BE EIGHT IN DELEGATION AND THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR MINISTRY
TO PAY FOR AIR TRAVEL EXPENSES IF HAECKER COULD PICK UP PER
DIEM COSTS. OSMAN PLEADED BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS GETTING
HARD CURRENCY RELEASED FOR VISIT WOULD MEAN LENGTHY DELAY.
WE EXPLAINED THAT WE DID NOT KNOW IF PROPOSITION IS POSSIBLE
BUT AGREED TO PASS ALONG REQUEST.

2. COMMENT: BELIEVE THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PER DIEM
COSTS FOR THIS JWG EXERCISE SHOULD BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE
WITH FORMULA SUGGESTED BY OSMAN. IF NECESSARY WE
WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE TELLING OSMAN THAT NUMBER OF TRAVELERS
MUST BE LIMITED IF THAT WOULD HELP RELEASE FUNDS.
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